

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A pet toy, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a drive unit coupled to the housing and adapted to move the housing in a first direction of travel, the drive unit being configured to generate drive energy for movement in the first direction of travel by movement of the drive unit in a direction opposite the first direction of travel of the housing;
 - a ballast element arranged so as to increase weight over the drive unit; and
 - a pet attractant coupled to the housing.
2. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an animal.
3. (Original) The pet toy of claim 2, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a mouse.
4. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the attractant is catnip.
5. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the energy is directed through at least one wheel, propelling the pet toy in the first direction.

8. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising an outer layer, mounted on said housing, to provide a fur-like appearance.

9. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising at least one facial component, mounted on a forward-facing portion of said housing.

10. (Original) The pet toy of claim 9, the at least one facial component including an eye, a nose and an ear.

11. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.

12. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located in a storage unit coupled to the housing.

13. (Withdrawn) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located within the housing.

14. (Original) The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located outside the housing.

15. (Currently amended) A pet toy, comprising:

a chassis;

a drive unit coupled to the chassis for moving the chassis in a first direction of travel, the drive unit being configured to generate drive energy for movement in the first direction of travel by movement of the drive unit in a direction opposite the first direction of travel of the chassis;

a ballast element arranged so as to increase weight over the drive unit;

a storage unit coupled to the chassis; and

an attractant, located in the storage unit, configured to attract the pet.

16. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, further comprising a housing coupled to the chassis, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an animal.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 16, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a mouse.

19. (Original) The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising an outer layer, mounted on said housing, to provide a fur-like appearance.

20. (Original) The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising at least one facial component, mounted on a forward-facing portion of said housing.

21. (Original) The pet toy of claim 20, the at least one facial component including an eye, a nose and an ear.

22. (Original) The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.

23. (Withdrawn) The pet toy of claim 16, wherein the pet attractant is located within the housing.

24. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 16, wherein the pet attractant is located outside the housing.
25. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the attractant is catnip.
26. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.
27. (Canceled)
28. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the energy is directed through at least one wheel, propelling the pet toy in the first direction.
29. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, further comprising a ballast, located over said drive unit.
30. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit comprises at least one biased gear, an axle and a wheel, wherein the gear and axle are rotated by the based gear.
31. (Original) The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit comprises a wheel.
32. (Withdrawn) A method of providing a pet toy, comprising the steps of:
 providing a mobile housing having a drive unit; and
 locating a pet attractant within the housing.
33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the mobile housing in the step of providing is

in the shape of an animal.

34. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32 wherein the pet attractant in the step of locating is catnip.

35 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of providing energy to the drive unit.

36 (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of providing energy includes the step of moving the drive unit in a direction opposite from a first direction of travel of the mobile housing.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, further comprising the step of releasing the pet toy to direct the energy through at least one wheel to propel the pet toy in the first direction.

38. (Currently amended) A pet toy, comprising:

a housing configured in the shape of an animal; and

a drive unit coupled to the housing adapted to move the housing in a first direction of travel, the drive unit being configured to generate drive energy for movement in the first direction of travel by movement of the drive unit in a direction opposite from the first direction of travel of the housing; and

a ballast element arranged so as to increase weight over the drive unit.

39. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 38, wherein the drive unit is provided with energy directed through at least one wheel, the drive unit configured to propel the pet toy in the

first direction by turning the at least one wheel.

40. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 39, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a mouse.

41. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 39, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.

42. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 38, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.

43. (Currently amended) A pet toy, comprising:

a chassis;

a drive unit coupled to the chassis and adapted to move the chassis in a first direction of travel, the drive unit being configured to generate drive energy for movement in the first direction of travel by movement of the drive unit in a direction opposite from a the first direction of travel of said chassis;

a ballast element arranged so as to increase weight over the drive unit; and

a housing coupled to the chassis, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an animal.

44. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 43, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.

45. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 43, wherein the energy is directed through at

least one wheel, propelling the pet toy in the first direction.

46. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 43, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a mouse.

47. (Previously presented) The pet toy of claim 46, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.